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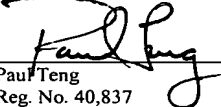
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Pursuant to the applicant's duty of disclosure, the information listed in the attached Form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of the reference cited in the annexed Form PTO-1449 is also provided. A summary of the general contents of the cited reference is provided on pages 1-2 of the present application.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(2). This application was filed September 20, 2005, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months after the September 20, 2005 filing date of the application.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

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